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In re patent application of:
Wesley Stout III

Serial No. 09/100,934

Filed: June 22, 1998

Title: DATE FORMATTING SYSTEM

Before the Examiner:
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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R 1.131

This declaration is submitted by the undersigned Wesley Stout, III, who makes the following declaration:

1. I am the inventor of claims 1-4 in the above-identified patent application.
2. Prior to March 8, 1996, I conceived the inventive Date Formatting System as described and claimed in my application.
3. Contemporaneous with my conception and prior to March 8, 1996, I prepared a written description of different embodiments of my invention, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A. The actual date of this document has been redacted, but is prior to March 8, 1996. I believe that these embodiments are covered by my claims 1-4 of my patent application.
4. I continued working out the details of each of the different embodiments and reduced my invention to practice in the form submitted in the above referenced patent application on June 22, 1998.

5. While I was working on further refining my invention, I had a quadruple heart by-pass surgery. I spent many months recuperating and was physically unable to work on my invention for some time. This surgery severely affected my financial situation, which rendered me unable to afford a patent attorney for quite a while.

6. In late 1997, I commissioned Mr. Richard Litman to conduct a patentability search. Mr. Litman sent me a detailed report, dated December 31, 1997, in which he concluded that my inventive concept was appropriate for filing a utility patent application.

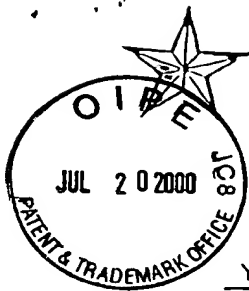
7. Once my military disability payments were approved I immediately authorized preparation of the present patent application.

8. A Petition to Make Special was submitted with the application on the grounds of my advanced age.

9. The undersigned hereby declares that all statements made herein are based upon my knowledge and are true, and that the statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application of any patent issued therefrom.

Dated: June 15, 2000


Wesley Stout III



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Y2K PROJECT 2000 SOLVED, COMPLIANT FOR YR. 2000

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- A (6) NUMBER CODE COMBINATION FORMAT.
- A (2) DIGIT CODE COMBINATION FORMAT.

USING A COMBINED MO. & DAY NUMBER EXPRESSED TO SHOW THE EXACT DAY NUMBER OF THAT YR. ANY YR. (DEC.25th.) BEING THE 359th. DAY.

WHERE

THE NUMBER 100 STANDS FOR THE YRS. AND CENTURY 1800/1899.
THE NUMBER 200 STANDS FOR THE YRS. AND CENTURY 1900/1999.
THE NUMBERS 001/365 STANDS FOR (1) COMPLETE CALENDAR YR.

A TYPICAL DATE FORMAT PROBLEM

SUBTRACT, JAN.01-97 FROM JAN.01-00 (2000).
01-01-97 FROM 01-01-00

01-01-00
-01-01-97

① IN TO-DAYS (2) DIGIT FORMAT, IT WILL NOT COMPUTE.

(7) NUMBER CODE FORMAT

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| -1997001 |
| 3000 = 3 YRS. 000 DAYS |

(6) NUMBER CODE FORMAT

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| 200001 | — — — — — CENTURY & YR | 200001 | CALENDAR DAY |
| -197001 | | 197001 | |
| 3000 = 3 YRS. 000 DAYS | | | |

(2) DIGIT CODE FORMAT

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| 20-00-01 | — — — — — CENTURY & YR | 20-00-01 | CALENDAR DAY |
| -19-70-01 | | 19-70-01 | |
| 30-00 = 3 YRS. 00 DAYS | | | |

THE (6) NUMBER CODE FORMAT,
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- 1st.(3) NUMBERS REPRESENT THE CENTURY AND YEAR.
- 2nd.(3) NUMBERS REPRESENT THE CALENDAR DAY OF THAT YEAR.
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